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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – Tracking No. **872927**

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 12, 2019. You have requested the following documents, records, or information:

A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Mine Safety and Health Administration who were terminated/retired, or left the office for any reason, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Mine Safety and Health Administration in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Under the FOIA, we are required to conduct a reasonable search for all documents responsive to a request. The FOIA applies to existing records and does not require agencies to conduct research or create new records based on that research. We conducted a thorough search for the records you requested but did not locate any that would be responsive to your request.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact Emmanuel Ekwo at (202) 693-9635 or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at hicks.thomas@dol.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration (OGIS) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001
Phone – (202) 741-5770
Toll free – (877) 684-6448
Fax – (202) 741-5769
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If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted. You may also fax your appeal to: (202) 693-5538.

Sincerely,



Susan Hutton
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Administration and Management